

STORY 97.

HOW AHMED SHAH OF GUJRAT HANGED HIS OWN SON-IN-LAW FOR MURDERING A HINDU.

AHMAD SHAH was a famous king of Gujrat. He was known for his stern sense of justice. It is said that on one occasion his son-in-law in his pride of power killed a Hindu without any cause. The matter was reported to the king. He had the murderer arrested and sent the case to the Quazi for disposal. The Quazi prevailed upon the relatives of the murdered man to accept a sum of money as the price of blood and withdraw the case. He then sent the paper to the king.

The king was not at all satisfied with the decision of the Quazi. He quashed the sentence remarking that such a weak decision which savoured of partiality would embolden the proud and headstrong nobles to commit murders in the hope that they would escape the extreme penalty of the law by the payment of a small sum of money. In this particular case justice demanded capital sentence to be given. The sentence was carried out. The culprit was hanged and in order to teach people a salutary lesson the dead body was left hanging for twenty-four hours.

STORY 98.

KHAJA MUIN-UL-DIN AND THE SHIA RULER OF HERAT.

(HAZRAT) KHWAJA MUIN-UL-DIN was on his way to India when he stopped at Herat for a few days. The ruler of Herat was a Shia who persecuted the Sunnies.

One day he came to the house occupied by the Khwaja and was asked to stay for sometime. The Khwaja preached to him the word of God which had the effect of inducing him to repent and reform his life.

Then he offered the Khwaja a large sum of money. The Khwaja said "This money is not thine and that thou shouldest offer it to me. It really belongs to those from whom thou hast seized it forcibly. The best thing for thy salvation is that thou shouldest return it to the victims of thy greed, and if this is not possible then thou should not give it away in charity."